

Town of Harpswell
Use of Firearms Ordinance

Enacted March 6, 1999
Amended October 23, 1999

1. Definition

For the purposes of this Ordinance, a firearm is defined in Maine Statutes, Title 17-A, section 2, sub-section 12-A, and Title 12, section 7001, sub-section 8.

2. Discharge of firearms

- a. To the extent permitted by and subject to Maine and U.S. law, only the following types of firearms may be discharged within the Town of Harpswell: shotguns, rimfire arms, and black powder guns.
- b. Fully automatic firearms of any type may not be discharged within the Town of Harpswell.
- c. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm within three hundred (300) feet of any dwelling without the written permission of the owner or, in his absence, of an adult occupying the dwelling.
- d. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any person acting under the provisions of Title 17-A, sections 104 through 108, which includes the defense of persons and property.
- e. Target Practice may be engaged in on private property with the written permission of the property owner and so long as such practice conforms to the guidelines for shooting ranges established by the National Rifle Association.

3. Penalties

Any person violating any part of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and no more than \$1,000.00 for each violation. Such fine on the complaint shall be recovered for the use of the Town of Harpswell.

4. Repeal

This Ordinance repeals and replaces the Use of Firearms Ordinance adopted March 19, 1988.